

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The second paragraph on page 5 (lines 10-20) is amended as follows:

1 Fig. 4 depicts additional detail concerning some of the elements of the apparatus 10.
2 An axle 22 is disposed within the cavity of the housing 14 for rotational movement about a
3 central axis. The proximal end 20 of the cover 16 is coupled with the axle 22. The housing 14
4 includes side wall structure having an elongated aperture 24 presenting a length defined through
5 the wall structure. The ~~proximal end 18~~ proximal end 20 of the cover 16 is fed through the
6 aperture 24 so that the cover 16 may be selectively moved between a retracted position (shown in
7 Fig. 1a) where the cover 16 is substantially wrapped around the axle 22, and an extended
8 position (shown in Fig. 1c) where a substantial portion of the cover 16 extends from the housing
9 14. A pair of drain holes 25 are also formed in the wall structure for facilitating drainage of
10 unwanted water accumulated during inclement weather.

The fourth paragraph on page 7 (lines 21-28) is amended as follows:

1 Cover attachment structure is coupled with the ~~proximal~~ distal end 18 of the cover
2 16. The attachment structure includes an end rail 76 and a pair of hooks 78 (Fig. 3b). The end
3 rail 76 functions to prevent the ~~proximal~~ distal end 18 of the cover 16 from being entirely
4 withdrawn into the housing 14 and to provide a gripping surface for a user of the apparatus 10 to
5 pull the ~~proximal~~ distal end 18 and extend the cover 16 toward the extended position.
6 Alternatively, a bolt rope (not shown) may be coupled to the ~~proximal~~ distal end 18 of the cover
7 16. A bolt rope would be less likely to scratch or otherwise damage the car 12 during usage of
8 the apparatus 10.

The paragraph beginning on page 7, line 29 and ending on page 8, line 3 is amended as follows:

1 When the cover 16 is extended over the car 12, the hooks 78 are positioned to secure
2 the ~~proximal~~ distal end 18 of the cover 16 to the car 12. The handle 60 is then rotated clockwise
3 to provide slight tension on the cover 16, further securing the hook 78 and thus the cover 16 to
4 the car 12.

The paragraph beginning on page 8, line 16 and ending on page 8, line 20 is amended as follows:

1 The ~~proximal~~ distal end 18 of the cover 16 is then pulled from the housing 14, over
2 the top of the car 12 until the hooks 78 are coupled with the front of the car 12. The release
3 button 56 is depressed and the handle 60 is rotated clockwise until sufficient tension is placed on
4 the cover 16 to secure the hooks 78 to the front of the car 12. Releasing the button 56 re-engages
5 the pawl 50 with the ratchet wheel 46, locking the cover 16 in place.

The ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE beginning on page 16, line 1 is amended
as follows:

1 A retractable vehicle cover apparatus for covering a vehicle comprises an elongated,
2 hollow housing, and axle disposed therein for rotation about a central axis, and an elongated cover
3 ~~having proximal and distal ends coupled with the axle~~ having a proximal end coupled with the axle
4 and also having a distal end. The housing includes wall structure having an elongated aperture
5 defined through the wall structure. The cover is fed through the aperture for selective movement
6 between a retracted position where the cover is wrapped around the axle, and an extended position
7 where a substantial portion of the cover extends from the housing. The cover includes an outer
8 layer of aligned cover strips, a middle, elastic layer and an inner layer of aligned padding strips.
9 The elastic layer biases the cover toward a rest width substantially the same length as the aperture to
10 facilitate extension and retraction of the cover, and permits selective expansion of the cover in order
11 to more fully cover the vehicle.